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DEATH.

At Shanghai, on the 25th June, 1890, CARL
FREDERICK, eldest son of F. BISCHOF, Inland Secy
Pilot, Jyuan, aged 16 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 5th, 1890.

With reference to the letter of Mr. OSBORNE, published in another column, the term "recommendations of the Sanitary Board" as used in our leading article of yesterday possesses a specific meaning, namely, the recommendations of the Sanitary Board as formulated in the recently published report of that body upon the report of the Insanitary Properties Commission. In that document the Board says:

"Every house should have an open space in the rear, of the area mentioned in the following table, which area should extend for at least half the width of the house and from the back wall of such house to the line of division between it and the adjoining house or property—Houses exceeding 40 ft. in depth, 50 sq. ft.; exceeding 40 ft. not exceeding 50 ft., 90 sq. ft.; exceeding 50 ft. not exceeding 60 ft., 130 sq. ft.; exceeding 60 ft., 175 sq. ft." According to this table, which has not yet been brought into legal operation, the houses in Pottinger Street under discussion should have an open area of 50 sq. ft., whereas as a matter of fact the average open area per house is over 80 sq. ft. In point of law no open area at all need have been provided. As has been pointed out by Dr. CLARK, "there is no power to prevent the erection of back-to-back houses, except, upon land purchased after the passing of Ordinance 24 of 1887, which practically means that the whole of the city outside of Taipinshan can be erected with back-to-back houses." If the Sanitary Board were asked what width of back yard it would recommend for any particular houses, using the word "recommend" in its ordinary sense, they would no doubt recommend an area far in excess of that mentioned in the scale above quoted, but it is a different question when they are asked to say what area should be made legally compulsory, having regard not only to what is desirable in the abstract, but to what is possible in the concrete. With reference to the permission to erect verandahs over Crown land, of which Mr. OSBORNE also makes mention, it is the case, we understand, that the Government withholds permission unless the owners of property acquired before the passing of the Health Ordinance and which is being rebuilt provide open areas, but it would seem that compliance with the provisions of the Ordinance is not rigidly insisted upon in such cases, the necessary permission being given in some instances when areas are provided of less extent than those mentioned in the Ordinance. There is a certain amount of give and take in the matter. Where an owner is not legally compelled

to provide any open area at all it may be worth while to give him permission to erect verandahs over the side path as an inducement to him to provide such open areas, even though they are not of the dimensions laid down in the Public Health Ordinance as applicable to houses built on land acquired from the Crown after the date of that Ordinance. Some latitude in granting the permits seems necessary, because while an owner would recognise it as being to his interest to provide a certain amount of open space in order to obtain the privilege of erecting verandahs over Crown land, if the amount of land he is required to sacrifice is greater than he will be compensated for by the verandahs, he will do without the verandahs and no good at all will be done.

In connection with the question of back-to-back houses we must correct a misapprehension that may have arisen from our remarks of yesterday with reference to the Yau-nati. We said that when the lots south of the Police Station were sold they were laid out with ten foot scavenging lanes, but when other lots in the village were subsequently sold the lanes were omitted, thus offering encouragement to the erection of objectionable back-to-back houses. The lots more particularly referred to were those on the south-east side of Yau-nati. During the last few years in Mr. Cooren's time, there has always been provision made for a scavenging lane, both at Yau-nati and at Huay-nom.

There were no new cases of plague or deaths from the disease on Sunday or yesterday.

There were 1,574 visitors to the City Hall Museum last week, of whom 152 were Europeans.

On Saturday another Indian policeman was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment for indecent exposure.

At midnight yesterday two boat-women were each fined \$5, or 14 days for refusing to accept a legal fare at Pedder's Wharf.

A couple of coolies were yesterday fined \$10, or a month by Commandant Hastings for cutting and damaging trees at Wanchai Gap.

A boleymaker who had stolen four coins and a cape from Victoria Barracks was yesterday sentenced to four months' imprisonment for the offence.

On Sunday four coolies who were far out in drink deposited a sick person in a public street. They were taken to the Police Station and yesterday fined \$3. It was not a plague case.

Messrs. Lamke and Rogge kindly inform us that they received a telegram yesterday from Messrs. W. G. Hale & Co., of Saigon, to the effect that quarantine on all vessels arriving from Hongkong has been removed.

While the steamer *Yesterday* in question, en route to Saigon on Sunday night, a boatwoman, unshaven within 30 yards of her without having a written permission from the medical officer, and for this offence she was yesterday fined \$5.

The official circular has gone forth announcing the increase in the pay of the Customs staff. As originally stated in our column of yesterday, it is proposed to pay 10 per cent. for the Indian staff, and 10 per cent. for the outdoor staff, and about 50 per cent. for the Chinese staff down to and including the rank of writer—N. C. Daily News.

It is perfectly true that the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation having settled a loan to the Imperial Chinese Railway, for the construction of the intended line from Canton to Kweichow, the Chinese government, the admiral of the captured vessel. When captured the Spanish flag floated at her stern, the pennant of the commanding officer at the mainmast, while at the port she carried a white flag. Her guns had been drawn by the Chinese, who had captured her.

The difference between Aranillo and some of his colleagues had not been settled last week. As we have previously stated Aranillo impeached Santio and Artachio. The former was, however, released on the application of Consul Williams, but it is reported that the latter has been sentenced by Aranillo to be shot for revealing to the British Government the fact that the Spanish was to be made to scuttle him on the *Yung-hu*. Prince Henry of Prussia, N. C. Daily News.

Report has it that the Chinese are busily engaged just now in remodelling the throat against a proposed port, all of whom happen to be wealthy. The list is said to include the names of Mr. Wong-tung, the directors of both arsenals, and the customs Taofu, Tientsin. It is, of course, a bare-faced attempt at blackmail, but we fear will occasion these unfortunate gentlemen a lot of trouble in repudiating the charge. The Chinese will some day be held responsible for this.

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THE POSITION OF CONSUL GENERAL.

The position of Consul General enables the holder to use the title Consul-General when writing to the Colonial Government, entitles him to a salute of nine guns from men-of-war in harbour, and to the relative ranks of Comptroller of the Navy and Brigadier-General in the Army.

The honourable post of representative of the United States in Hongkong comes third on the list as regards importance so far as the United States are concerned, the representative at London coming first and the one at Paris second. Hongkong being Crown colony and the American Ambassador at London, further away than the United States, is in consequence fourth. The honourable post of representative of the United States in Hongkong comes third on the list as regards importance so far as the United States are concerned, the representative at London coming first and the one at Paris second. Hongkong being Crown colony and the American Ambassador at London, further away than the United States, is in consequence fourth.

It is the opinion of Mr. Wildman that he never received the goods, but the plaintiffs contend that by allowing their shop to be used they had put it in the power of a third party to commit fraud, and must, therefore, be the sufferers. Mr. Francis argued that the plaintiff did not know that the coolie was out of the employment of defendant and also did not know where the shop had been got.

The application for an appeal was dismissed with costs.

THE "GLORIOUS FOURTH" IN HONGKONG.

Yesterday being the 123rd anniversary of the independence of the United States of America, the *Yung-hu* was "at home" in the afternoon, and some 300 coolies called upon him, including the foreign consuls and the leading residents of the city. His Excellency Major-General Black sent his aide-de-camp. The Consulate was decorated with numerous stars and stripes, and the Celestial monarch of the household for the day was enthroned in the Consulate, with the *Yung-hu* and *Metropoli* standing by. The *Yung-hu* was decorated with numerous stars and stripes, and the Celestial monarch of the household for the day was enthroned in the Consulate, with the *Yung-hu* and *Metropoli* standing by.

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Queensland, and he expressed a hope that the International Conference on the Opium Question would not only take up the subject of the respective hotels, the bicycle facilities, and so on, but proceed to look after the comfort of the mechanical treasure, whilst the unfortunate infant might sleep on neglected, and with the British Government will impose countervailing duties on bony-fide sugar.

RESOURCES OF VICTORIA.

London, 8th June.
Lord Brussey, Governor of Victoria, read a paper before a meeting of the London Chamber of Commerce, held in the Salter's Hall, on the 7th ult., "The Trade of Victoria," Sir Albert-Rollett, president of the London Chamber of Commerce and of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom, and among those present were Lord Loch, formerly Governor of Victoria; Sir Saul Samuel, late Agent-General for New South Wales; Sir Andrew Clarke, Agent-General for Victoria; Sir Robert Peel, Attorney-General, and many members of the Australasian section of the London Chamber of Commerce.

Lord Loch, in proposing a vote of thanks to Lord Brussey, spoke in eloquent terms of the services he had rendered, and stated that he had earned the title of "the Victoria which he had created and of the mother which Lord Loch also congratulated Victoria upon the return of prosperity to the colony."

AN AUSTRALASIAN CLUB.

London, 8th June.
A provisional committee has been appointed with the object of forming an Australasian Club in the City.

THE WAR REVENUE BILL.

News from Washington states that the amount of the amount made by the Senate in the War Revenue Bill has been rejected by the House of Representatives, and arrangements are now being made for a conference between the two Houses of Congress to settle the matters in dispute.

London, 9th June.

Mr. Lyman J. Gage, Secretary of the Treasury, in the U.S. House of Representatives, states that it will be necessary to convert into gold the amount of \$7,000,000 dollars' worth of gold now held by the Treasury.

Mr. Gage further states that it is expected that gold to the amount of \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 dollars will be received in the United States from the Treasury during the month of June.

AMERICAN DEMANDS ON SPAIN.

London, 8th June.
In the course of an interview with a representative of the Paris *Temps* Mr. Chauvelin stated that if the war between America and Spain were prolonged the demands of America would be increased, and there was a tendency to the demand that Spain should be compelled to make up to the United States in favour of depriving Spain of all her possessions outside Europe.

FRENCH DEMANDS IN MOHOCO.

London, 8th June.
It is reported that, in order to check the demands which are being made by France for extensive rectifications of the frontier between Morocco and Algeria, the Sultan of Morocco has offered to concede to Germany the usurpation of certain territory on the Wadi River, now the north-western frontier of Algeria.

THE RISING IN SIERRA LEONE.

London, 8th June.
Reports from the West Coast of Africa state that the native insurgents in the hinterland of Sierra Leone, who rose in rebellion on account of the imposition of the hut tax, are now deserting their leaders.

THE CANADIAN GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

London, 8th June.
The Canadian House of Commons has unanimously passed a resolution expressing regret at the intended resignation of the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of the Dominions.

GREAT BRITAIN AND AMERICA.

London, 8th June.
The Right Hon. G. N. Cuzen, Parliamentary Secretary to the Foreign Office, stated to the House of Commons last evening that negotiations were proceeding for a settlement of all pending disputes between Great Britain and the United States.

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMISSION.

London, 9th June.
It is announced from Ottawa that Sir William Laurier (the Canadian Premier), Sir R. J. Cartwright (Minister of Trade and Commerce), and Sir H. L. Davies (Minister of Marine and Fisheries), have been appointed to represent Canada on the Anglo-American Commission which is to settle all the matters in dispute between Canada and the United States.

THEIR BURNING FATALITY.

A young man was found at Scarborough, where a mother and her six children were accidentally burned to death.

OBSTRUCTION IN THE AUSTRIAN RAILWAYS.

London, 8th June.
News has been received from St. Petersburg of a tragic termination to a journey which was being held there, and which was attended by a large number of Russian notables. It appears that during the proceedings of a funeral service between Prince Melikoff and Prince Gorcik, a scene ensued, in the course of which Prince Melikoff shot his opponent. Another bullet drew a revolver and fired at Prince Melikoff, killing him.

THE GERMAN ELECTIONS.

London, 8th June.
News from Berlin states that Count Posadowsky has made an appeal to all German patriots to unite in order to defeat the Socialists at the coming elections for the German Reichstag.

MY CYCLING LESSONS.

BY ONE WHO HAS SURVIVED THEM.
Somewhat, so long as I was at home, I never felt the slightest inclination to cycle. Once, however, I had seen all my girl friends whiz past me on their bicycles, and I was tempted to have a go. I then found out that the higher classes, and all the higher classes, are quite oblivious to the fact that they were being down-trodden by mere men, and that their real and obvious duty was to join in the crusade against them. Even the attractions of Florence, that city of the Arno, where I spent nearly the whole of 1887, and whose splendid park is now a world-famed racing-ground, failed to tempt me into the cycle. I had to be coaxed into it, and I did not learn to ride in the proverbial three lessons. Indeed I am humbly conscious that somewhere about the ninth or tenth I was still taking the pleasure of my dear friends, and I was still riding a bicycle, but I was not yet fit to ride a bicycle, and I was still learning to ride a bicycle.

It would be tedious to enlarge on my after experiences; once, however, proved more or less an aggravated repetition of the horrors of the first one, until that glorious day, when I was old in orthodox cycling garments, and a true old hand, and could ride a bicycle with a certain amount of skill, without assistance and rods off, easily and without fear. But before that happy time arrived, my woes were many and various, and I must confess that, until the average cyclist, I did not learn to ride in the proverbial three lessons. Indeed I am humbly conscious that somewhere about the ninth or tenth I was still taking the pleasure of my dear friends, and I was still riding a bicycle, but I was not yet fit to ride a bicycle, and I was still learning to ride a bicycle.

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